

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 465 - SB 589**

March 25, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to use a hair follicle test when testing a child for the presence of a controlled substance.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$314,200/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by DCS, the proposed legislation would require the Department to conduct an estimated additional 450 hair follicle tests per month.
- The average cost of a hair follicle test is \$125.18.
- The annual cost for an additional 450 hair follicle tests per month is thus estimated to be \$675,972 (450 x \$125.18 x 12 months).
- Currently, DCS uses urine tests for the delinquent youth population. It is assumed the increase of 450 monthly hair follicle tests would result in an equivalent monthly decrease of 450 standard urine tests.
- The average cost of a standard urine test is approximately \$67.
- The annual decrease in expenditures for 450 fewer standard urine tests per month is thus estimated to be \$361,800 (450 x \$67 x 12 months).
- Therefore, the total recurring increase in state expenditures to DCS is estimated to be \$314,172 (\$675,972 - \$361,800) in FY21-22 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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